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## **OIL TANKER CHIEF ENGINEER AND COMPANY CHARGED WITH FALSIFYING LOGS**

(Beaumont, TX) Matthew D. Orwig, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, and Assistant Attorney General Sue Ellen Wooldridge, of the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division, announced today that a Superceding Indictment had been returned by a federal grand jury charging the owner and operator of the *M/T Pacific Ruby* in a pending case against the ship's Chief Engineer.

In the Superceding Indictment returned today, **OVERSEAS SHIPHOLDING GROUP, INC.**, a company that owned and operated the *M/T Pacific Ruby* through its subsidiaries, was charged as a co-defendant with Chief Engineer Kun Yun Jho, a Korean-national, who was first charged on May 17, 2006. The defendants are charged with conspiracy, making false statements and violating the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships for their alleged role in maintaining false Oil Record Books that concealed deliberate discharges of oil-contaminated bilge waste.

It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence.

The investigation has been conducted by the Gulf Region of the Coast Guard Investigative Service with assistance from Coast Guard Marine Safety Officers in Port Arthur and Houston. The case is being prosecuted jointly by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas and the Environmental Crimes Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. The investigation is continuing.

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